

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

September 15, 2006

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychologists was called to order by the Dr. Ullman, Chair at 11:15 A.M., in the Sixth Floor, Conference Room Z, State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members, and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The following members answered the roll call:

<u>Members</u>		<u>Board Representation</u>
Daniel Ullman, Ph.D.	-	Chairperson
Daniel Bizzell, Ed.D.	-	Vice-Chairperson
John Curran, Ph.D.	-	Member
Ann Heermann	-	Member
Lori L. Wall, Ph.D.	-	Member
Louise Jeffrey, PhD	-	Member
Absent:		
Diane Miller-Ruhlman	-	Secretary
<u>Other(s) Present</u>		<u>Agency Representation</u>
Kris Chiles	-	Section Administrator, Credentialing Division
Bob Semerena	-	Administrator, Investigations

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

◆ **MOTION:** Curran, seconded by Wall, to amend the agenda to include item #4 which is a short presentation by Dr. Cole and under 'New Business' add oral examination procedures during 2007 and 2006. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Bizzell, Curran, Heermann, Ullman, Wall, Jeffrey. (6) Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Diane Miller-Ruhlman (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

◆ **MOTION:** Bizzell moved, seconded by Heermann to approve the minutes of July 21, 2006. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Bizzell, Curran, Heermann, Ullman, Wall, Jeffrey. (6) Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Diane Miller-Ruhlman (1). Motion carried.

11:17 – Dr. Cole entered

Dr. Cole provided a document that delineated several options for changes to the definition of 'consultation'; and provided a review of the current Medicaid Role in relationship to supervising practitioners and a proposal for change. Discussion ensued and the Board determined that if the term 'consultation' was to be revised, it would need to be revised through rules and regulations, and therefore would be subject to discussion at the next regulation worksession.

11:19 – Chiles stepped out to make copies for Dr. Cole to distribute to Board

11:21 – Chiles returned

11:26 – Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General entered the meeting

11:27 – Agena departed the meeting

11:32 – Julie Agena returned

11:46 – Dr. Cole departed meeting

4. INVESTIGATION INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

◆ **MOTION:** Bizzell moved, seconded by Wall to enter into closed session at 11:48 A.M., to hear discussions of investigative reports and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Bizzell, Curran, Heermann, Ullman, Wall, Jeffrey. (6) Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Diane Miller-Ruhlman (1). Motion carried.

11:48 A.M. - Bizzell out – Conflict of Interest
11:59 A.M. - Ullman out – Conflict of Interest
12:00 P.M. - Bizzell returned
12:10 P.M. - Ullman returned
12:11 P.M. - Curran out – Conflict of Interest
12:15 P.M. - Cindy Kelley entered the meeting
12:16 P.M. - Cindy Kelley departed
12:18 P.M. - Curran returned
12:32 P.M. - Semerena departed the meeting

◆ **MOTION:** Heermann moved, seconded by Wall to enter into open session at 12:45 P.M. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Bizzell, Curran, Heermann, Jeffrey, Ullman, Wall. (6) Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Diane Miller-Ruhlman (1). Motion carried.

5. DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION – OPEN SESSION

a. Actions Pending/Taken

None

6. APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD DETERMINATION

a. Reinstatements

None

b. Education / Internship / Convictions

Chiles reported that the department had received two applications which indicate completion of internships that are not APA accredited, Paula Ray (Family Counseling of San Gabrielle, El Monte, CA), and Bryan Miller (Quaker Dale, Iowa State University, New Providence, IA). Curran agreed to review the two non – APA accredited internship applicants.

c. Administrative Penalties

None to report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update on Worksession

Chiles stated that October 20, 2006 has been scheduled for the worksession and will send out an agenda as a reminder. The worksession agenda will include regulations review/revision and oral exam review.

b. Board Newsletter

Chiles stated that the newsletter is finalized, and is now with the division of communications which is responsible for reviewing all publications that are sent by the department. The newsletter should be out by the

end of the month.

c. Board Sponsored C.E. Program

Ullman stated that he has been in correspondence with retiree Dr. William Miller. Dr. Miller mentioned that it's difficult to find, in research, an actual impact in a licensee's practice, when he/she goes to hit and run workshops. Dr. Miller suggested a training model, diffusion of new treatments, and to break up into small groups to practice the skills and receive immediate feed back from the instructor. Chiles stated that a factor to consider when developing a workshop and utilizing Board funds, is to offer the workshop to as many licensees as possible, rather than restricting to small groups.

Ullman suggested that he would continue to research topic areas for a Board sponsored CE program.

d. Other

Chiles reported that the following licensees have submitted applications for Dr. Jeffrey's term which will expire in November:

1. Patricia Blake and David Carver - Omaha
2. James Cole and Robert Portnoy - Lincoln
3. John Worley - Beatrice

Interviews are scheduled for the later part of October.

8. ORAL EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION

a. Meeting the Board

The board discussed various testing administration options in order to allow more candidates to be tested on each testing date (currently only 5 are tested on a given date). Ullman suggested that two rooms be utilized for testing; all candidates could be briefed in one room at the same time and then asked to wait in the vending area until such time as he/she is called for testing. Each room must ask the same questions, so the board members should first meet together, agree on the questions to be asked, call all candidates into the room and provide a briefing and then split up into two separate rooms. The Board requested that these new testing procedures start in November.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting Dates for 2007

The Board agreed to continue meeting every third Friday of every other month (starting in January). The 2007 meeting dates are:

January 19th
March 16th
May 18th
July 20th
September 21st
November 16th

b. Correspondence

None reported

c. Other

Chiles stated that she had received a copy of the magazine "The Forensic Therapist" the official publication of the National Association of Forensic Counselors & the American College of Certified Forensic Counselors www.nationalafcf.com www.acfc.org; available for board review.

She also stated that the department received correspondence from 'The License Commission of the Americas'. The commission will commence issuing licenses to qualified biofeedback and neurotherapy professionals effective July 15, 2006.

For biofeedback: <http://LicenseCommission.com/biofeed/require.htm>
For Neurotherapy <http://LicenseCommission.com/neuro/require.htm>

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Next Board Meeting 11-17-06

11. ADJORNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Psychologists adjourned at 1:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Miller-Ruhlman, Secretary
Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Summarized by: Cindy Kelley, Credentialing Specialist - Credentialing Division

**Next Meeting:
November 17, 2006**